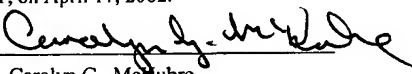




PATENT
Docket No. 217042000520

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "FIRST CLASS MAIL"

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:
Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on April 17, 2002.


Carolyn G. McKubre

RECEIVED
MAY 20 2002
TC 1700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

James S. SIMON and Joan KNOWLES

Serial No.: 10/075,859

Filing Date: February 12, 2002

For: WALL MOUNTED BATH BRUSH

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: 1744

#4
C.F.
6/5/02

RECEIVED
MAY 24 2002
TC 1700

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents numbered 5-6, 9, 11, 13, 19, 21-23, 25 and 28 were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement and/or Office Action, directed to the related application Serial Number 09/490,027 filed January 21, 2000 and, accordingly, copies are not included herewith. Copies of documents numbered 1-4, 7-8, 10, 12, 14-18, 20, 24, 26, 27, and 29-50 are being submitted herewith. This protocol conforms with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and M.P.E.P. 609(A)(2). The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record in the application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ☐ With the application; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.
- ☒ Within three months of the application filing date or before mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.
- ☐ After receipt of a first Office Action on the merits but before mailing of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance.
 - ☐ A fee is required. A check in the amount of is enclosed.
 - ☐ A fee is required. Accordingly, a Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.
 - ☐ A Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is provided below; accordingly; no fee is believed to be due.
- ☐ After mailing of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the issue fee.
 - ☐ A Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is provided below and a check in the amount of is enclosed.
 - ☐ A Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is provided below and a Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.

Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.


The information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a complete search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the above information constitutes prior art to the subject invention.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for

any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petition and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing 217042000520. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Dated: April 17, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Richard R. Batt
Registration No. 43,485

Morrison & Foerster LLP
755 Page Mill Road
Palo Alto, California 94304-1018
Telephone: (650) 813-5616
Facsimile: (650) 494-0792

Form PTO-1449

Docket Number 217042000520

Application Number 10/075,859

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION
IN AN APPLICATION

Applicant

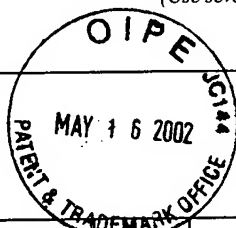
James S. SIMON and Joan KNOWLES

(Use several sheets if necessary)

Filing Date February 12, 2002

Group Art Unit 1744

Mailing Date April 17, 2002



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Ref. No.	Date	Document No.	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	1.	03/22/1921	1,372,412	Finkhousen			
	2.	12/05/1922	1,437,794	Cleveland			
	3.	06/09/1953	2,641,013	Hesselgesser			
	4.	12/01/1970	3,543,747	Gustafson			
	5.	01/04/1972	3,631,560	Atkins			
	6.	08/07/1973	3,750,226	Morgan			
	7.	02/03/1976	3,935,611	Locher			
	8.	11/23/1976	3,992,744	Fassler			
	9.	05/03/1977	4,020,519	Robison			
	10.	01/22/1980	4,184,221	Edwards			
	11.	11/29/1983	4,417,362	Walker			
	12.	12/20/1983	4,420,850	Moore			
	13.	08/21/1984	Des. 275,236	Soderback			
	14.	10/21/1986	4,617,917	Miller			
	15.	07/26/1988	4,759,091	Kiss			
	16.	06/27/1989	4,841,590	Terry et al.			
	17.	01/02/1990	4,890,352	Stowers et al.			
	18.	07/23/1991	5,033,897	Chen			
	19.	11/17/1992	Des. 330,977	Otis			
	20.	01/05/1993	5,175,896	Zamir			
	21.	01/05/1993	Des. 332,178	Proctor et al.			
	22.	05/18/1993	5,211,494	Baijnath			
	23.	07/20/1993	5,228,165	Westberry et al.			
	24.	01/11/1994	5,277,389	Ballares et al.			
	25.	05/21/1996	5,517,705	Jackson			
	26.	06/25/1996	5,528,792	Nazemi			

RECEIVED

MAY 20 2002

TC 1700

RECEIVED

MAY 24 2002

TC 1700

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED:

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not the citation conforms with MPEP 609. Draw a line through the citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include a copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Form PTO-1449

Docket Number 217042000520

Application Number 10/075,859

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION
IN AN APPLICATION

Applicant

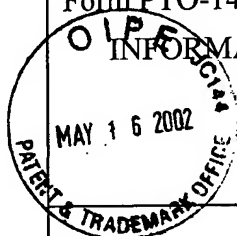
James S. SIMON and Joan KNOWLES

Filing Date February 12, 2002

Group Art Unit 1744

Mailing Date April 17, 2002

(Use several sheets if necessary)



	27.	10/08/1996	5,561,869	Sarel		
	28.	12/31/1996	5,588,160	Nichols		
	29.	02/11/1997	5,600,864	Huber		
	30.	01/06/1998	5,704,903	Jahnke		
	31.	07/14/1998	5,779,653	Thompson		
	32.	07/28/1998	5,784,722	Ureta et al.		
	33.	11/17/1998	5,836,035	McElfish et al.		
	34.	06/29/1999	5,915,434	Juarez		
	35.	08/10/1999	5,933,909	Keating		
	36.	07/11/2000	6,086,275	King		
	37.	07/25/2000	6,092,258	Chen		
	38.	08/08/2000	6,098,233	Chen		
	39.	01/09/2001	6,171,269 B1	Norin		
	40.	03/06/2001	6,195,829 B1	Chen		
	41.	01/15/2002	6,338,170 B1	De Simone		

RECEIVED
MAY 20 2002
TC 1700

RECEIVED
MAY 24 2002
TC 1700

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Ref. No.	Date	Document No.	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation YES NO	
	42.	08/31/1917	300257 ✓	Germany				x
	43.	02/05/1979	645,644 ✓	Russia			Abstract	
	44.	06/13/1991	WO 91/07903 A1 ✓	WIPO				
	45.	09/15/1994	WO 94/20006 A1 ✓	WIPO				
	46.	05/25/2001	WO 01/36743 A1 ✓	WIPO				

OTHER DOCUMENTS

(including author, title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Examiner Initials	Ref. No.	Title
	47.	Anonymous. "Sponge" provided by Yahoo!Reference: American Heritage@Dictionary, located at << http://education.yahoo.com/reference/dictionary/entries/88/s0658800.html >> and visited on February 8, 2002 (2 pages total).
	48.	Anonymous. "Sponge" provided by Yahoo!Reference: The Britannica Concise, located at

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED:

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not the citation conforms with MPEP 609. Draw a line through the citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include a copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Form PTO-1449

Docket Number 217042000520

Application Number 10/075,859

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION
IN AN APPLICATION**

(Use several sheets if necessary)

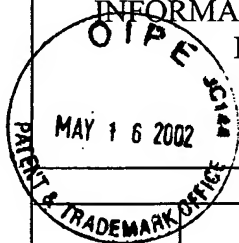
Applicant

James S. SIMON and Joan KNOWLES

Filing Date February 12, 2002

Group Art Unit 1744

Mailing Date April 17, 2002



<<<http://education.yahoo.com/search/be?lb=t&p=url%3As/sponge>>> and visited on February 8, 2002 (1 page total).

49. Anonymous. Home page of Ramersponges located at <<<http://www.ramersponges.com>>>, visited February 8, 2002 (1 page total).

50. Anonymous. "Brushes, Sponges & Exfoliating Tools," located at <<<http://www.ebubbles.com/ebubbles.filereader?3c64404b043185662721d143c8fe069f+.../111>>> and visited on February 8, 2002 (2 pages total).

RECEIVED

MAY 20 2002

TC 1700

RECEIVED

MAY 24 2002

TC 1700

EXAMINER:

DATE CONSIDERED:

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not the citation conforms with MPEP 609. Draw a line through the citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include a copy of this form with next communication to applicant.